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VIENNA PASS DR. ANDERSON, APHIS

COPENHAGEN PASS DR. FENNOY, APHIS

REF: (A) SOFIA 1328, (B) SOFIA 1661

1. ANDERSON ACTED WITHIN SCOPE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY IN ISSUING LETTER OF ADVISEMENT FOR TWO BULGARIAN PLANTS. REVIEW OF PLANT REPORTS OVER LAST THREE YEARS SHOWS DR. ANDERSON WAS MORE THAN LENIENT BUT WAS ENDEAVORING TO EFFECT GRADUAL IMPROVEMENTS IN PLANT SANITATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSPECTION WITHOUT RESORTING TO DRASTIC ACTION. CONTINUED FAILURE OF BULGARIAN INSPECTION SYSTEM LEFT HIM NO CHOICE.

2. APHIS APPLIES SAME CRITERIA TO INSPECTION SYSTEMS AND
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ESTABLISHMENTS IN ALL COUNTRIES APPROVED FOR EXPORT OF MEAT

PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR FILES SHOW NO RECORD OF ANY "AGREEMENT" MENTIONED PARA 1 OF REFTEL (B). SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN AGAINST ESTABLISHED USDA POLICY. SECTION 327.2(A)(2)(II)(E) OF THE MEAT AND POULTRY REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES REQUIRE MAINTENANCE OF A SINGLE STANDARD OF INSPECTION AND SANITATION THROUGHOUT ALL PARTS OF CERTIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS. REFTEL (A) EMPHASIZED SINGLE STANDARD OF INSPECTION NOT BEING ENFORCED AND IMPLIED THAT PHYSICAL SEPARATION OF THE U.S. EXPORT SECTION FROM DOMESTIC SECTION WAS NOT ADEQUATE TO PREVENT LOWER STANDARDS OBSERVED IN DOMESTIC OPERATION FROM ADVERSELY AFFECTING STANDARDS IN EXPORT SECTION. END KISSINGER

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